





# Alton Town Report

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For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31,

1918



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, CLERK  
AND SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

## Town of Alton, N. H.

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31,

# 1918

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## FIRE ALARM SIGNALS

Box No.	Location
<b>4</b>	Alton Bay Hose House.
<b>5</b>	School St., front of Shool House [when installed]
<b>6</b>	Main St., front of Opera House.
<b>12</b>	Camp Ground, near store.
<b>32</b>	Corner Mill St. and Gilmanton Road, near box shop [when installed]
<b>42</b>	Pleasant Valley, opposite River Road
<b>43</b>	Main St., front of Fred E. Colbath residence.

3 blasts—Bush fire, repeat three times.

2 blasts—Chimney fire, repeat once.

2 blasts—All out signal.

2 blasts—At 7:45 o'clock A. M., no school.

2 blasts—At 11:45 o'clock A. M., single session.

Brush fires, chimney fires, all out signal and school signals to be sounded by engineers or Herbert E. Morrell only. Notify by telephone.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Opening box does not give alarm, pull down handle. Anyone sounding alarm to remain at box to direct firemen. Second alarm to be sounded by order of the Chief Engineer only. Test alarm one blast at 12 noon on week days, on Saturdays one round from some box at 12 noon. Do not sound alarm unless necessary.

WALTER J. GEORGE,  
PHILIP L. DREW,  
EDWARD H. DOWNING,  
Fire Wards of Alton.

## TOWN OFFICERS

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1918.

### Selectmen

HERBERT E HAYES                      FRANK M AYER  
JOHN W PROCTOR

### Town Clerk

HERBERT E MORRELL

### Treasurer

WALDO C VARNEY

### Collector

JOHN H McDUFFEE

### Road Agent

OE VARNEY

### Auditors

OLIVER SHATTUCK                      WALTER A LANG

### Supervisors

OLIVER R SHATTUCK                      WALTER J GEORGE  
FRED M NEWHALL

### School Board

DR FRANK W McLAUGHLIN              ALTA H McDUFFEE  
ALBERT J JONES

### Fire Wardens

WALTER J GEORGE                      EDWARD H DOWNING  
PHILIP L DREW

### Board of Health

FRED M NEWHALL                      SELECTMEN

### Police

WALTER A LANG

### Constable

PHILIP L DREW

### Trustees of Trust Funds

HERBERT J JONES                      MABEL H EVANS  
FRANK T COLLINS



## State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alton, in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Alton on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay all necessary charges of the town for the year ensuing.

2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repair of Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing, in addition to that required to be raised by law.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$636.00, the amount of money necessary to secure Trunk Line aid for the permanent improvement of the highway, agreeable to Chapter 93, Section 6, Laws of 1915.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Construction of Sidewalks.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of the Public Library in addition to that required to be raised by law.



7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the services of Librarian for the year ensuing.

8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the purpose of holding a Fruit and Vegetable and Poultry Show, also to elect a committee to arrange and lay out the same.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$150.00 for the extermination of the White Pine Blister Rust.

10. To choose a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention and all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, 1918.

HERBERT E. HAYES,

FRANK M. AYER,

JOHN W. PROCTOR,

*Selectmen of Alton.*

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

HERBERT E. HAYES,

FRANK M. AYER,

JOHN W. PROCTOR,

*Selectmen of Alton.*

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, February 1st, 1918, to January 31, 1919, Compared with the Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, February 16th, 1917, to January 31, 1918.

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	<i>Actual Revenue 1917</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue 1918</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
FROM STATE				
Insurance tax . . . . .	\$ 37 50	37 50		
Railroad tax . . . . .	1,796 94	1,796 94		
Savings bank tax . . . . .	1,927 40	1,927 40		
Liquor licenses . . . . .	11 39			11 39
For fighting forest fires . . . . .	23 83	150 00	126 17	
For Highways				
(a) For state aid maintenance . . . . .	588 24			588 24
(b) For trunk line maintenance . . . . .		600 00	600 00	
Bounties . . . . .	4 20	20 00	15 80	

## FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES

All licenses and permits except dog licenses	16 00		16 00
Fines and forfeits . . . . .	24 00	20 00	4 00
Rent of town hall and other buildings . . .	77 00	277 00	200 00
Income of departments highways, sewers, etc	10 06		10 06
Temporary loans . . . . .	5,500 00	10,000 00	4,500 00

## FROM POLL TAXES

Poll taxes . . . . .	782 00	782 00	
County . . . . .	53 14	89 18	36 04
Dog licenses . . . . .	255 20	267 85	12 65
Back Taxes . . . . .	62 25	435 95	373 70

REVENUE APPLICABLE ONLY TO NEW  
CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

## From state

(b) For trunk line highway construction 623 20 10 924 44 10,301 24

REVENUE WHICH MUST BE PAID TO  
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Literary Fund . . . . .	167 76	167 76	
School Fund . . . . .	1,045 00	1,045 00	
Cash on hand February 16th, 1917 . . . .	3,722 93	4,186 82	463 89

Revenues from all sources except property taxes \$16,728 04 32,737 84 16,639 49 629 69

Amount raised by property taxes . . . . .	\$26,268 00	26,444 82	176 82
Total Revenues . . . . .	\$42,996 04	59,182 66	16,816 31 629 69

## PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

*Actual Expen- Estimated Ex-  
ditures 1917 penditures 1918*

*Increase Decrease*

## CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town officers' salaries . . . . .	\$ 1,019 96	1,300 00	280 04	
Town officers' expenses . . . . .	231 88	200 00		31 88
Election and registration expenses . . . . .	90 15	150 00	59 85	
Municipal court expenses . . . . .	100 00	100 00		
Care and supplies for town hall . . . . .	554 70	500 00		54 70
Protection of Persons and Property				
Police department . . . . .	173 15	150 00		23 15
Fire department . . . . .	2,693 60	1,500 00		1,193 60
Bounties . . . . .	4 20	20 00	15 80	
Health				
Health department . . . . .	65 65	60 00		5 65
Vital statistics . . . . .	42 00	20 00		22 00

<b>Highways and Bridges</b>			
State aid maintenance—State's contribution	588 24		588 24
Town's contribution	428 92		428 92
Trunklinemaintenance—State's contribution		600 00	600 00
Town's contribution		400 00	400 00
Town maintenance . . . . .	5,893 64	4,000 00	1,893 64
Damage by dogs . . . . .	300 75	75 00	225 75
Street lighting . . . . .	36 00	36 00	
General expenses of highway department .	5,519 79	1,558 60	3,961 19
<b>Education</b>			
Libraries . . . . .	377 00	374 00	3 00
<b>Charities</b>			
County poor . . . . .	53 14	89 18	36 04
Town poor . . . . .	146 12	76 00	70 12
<b>Patriotic Purposes</b>			
Memorial day and other celebrations . .	50 00	50 00	
<b>INTEREST</b>			
On temporary loans . . . . .	359 52	517 50	157 98
On principal of trust funds used by town .	84 88	84 88	

# OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS

Highways and bridges—Town construction	131 58				131 58
Trunkline construction—State's contribution	623 20	10,924 44	10,301 24		
Town's contribution	241 14	4,327 48	4,086 34		
Sidewalk construction . . . . .	441 76				441 76

## INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans . . . . .	3,500 00	10,000 00	6,500 00		
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## PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

State taxes . . . . .	2,805 00	2,640 00			165 00
County taxes . . . . .	2,075 38	2,594 34	518 96		
Payments to precincts . . . . .	1,100 00	1,200 00	100 00		
Payments to school districts . . . . .	9,077 87	12,713 51	3,635 64		
Cash on hand January 31, 1918 . . . . .	4,186 82	2,921 73			1,265 09

Total expenditures . . . . .	\$42,996.04	59,182.66	26,691.89	10,505.27	
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### EFFECT ON TAX RATE

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Assessed valuation previous year . . . . .	\$1,372,241 00
Estimated assessed valuation ensuing year . . . . .	1,372,241 00
Amount required by budget to be raised by property taxes	27,444 82
Tax rate ensuing year per \$100 of valuation . . . . .	2 00
Every appropriation of \$1,000 in addition to the estimates of this budget will raise the tax rate \$.075 per \$100 valuation.	



## Selectmen's Report

### VALUATION OF ALTON

Real estate, number of acres, 35,605,	
value,	\$1,123,196 00
Personal estate,	249,045 00

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Total value,	\$1,372,241 00
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	Number	Average	
Horses,	297	\$128 09	\$38,045 00
Mules,	7	142 85	1,000 00
Oxen,	24	95 83	2,300 00
Cows,	438	51 23	22,440 00
Neat,	115	46 39	5,335 00
Sheep,	95	6 87	653 00
Hogs,	19	18 94	360 00
Powl,	1,598	96	1,542 00
Vehicles including automobiles,			21,575 00
Portable mills,			2,850 00
Boats and launches,			24,875 00
Wood and lumber, not stock in trade,			15,445 00
Stock in public funds,			15,000 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,			1,250 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit,			7,775 00
Stock in trade,			55,850 00
Aqueducts,			20,000 00
Mills and machinery,			12,750 00

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Total,	\$249,045 00
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Total town taxes,	\$26,072 58
391 polls,	782 00
Total precinct tax,	1,152 63
	<hr/> \$28,007 21

## ASSETS

## Cash:

In town treasury, Jan. 31, 1918,	\$4,186 82
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## Accounts Due Town:

Taxes due from previous year,	142 70
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Taxes due from collector, 1917,	957 21
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Balance due from State Highway department,	10 62
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## Other Assets:

3 bbls Glutrine,	20 43
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33 bbls. Tarvia,	246 23
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4,400 ft, Bridge plank,	132 00
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Total assets,	\$5,696 01
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Excess of liabilities over assets, (net debt),	5,398 47
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Total,	\$11,094 48
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## LIABILITIES

## Bills Owed by Town:

Fire alarm appropriation,	\$ 200 00
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Fire department appropriation,	350 00
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Trunk Line appropriation,	2,269 48
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## Notes:

James B. Woodman,	3,850 00
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Martha J. Sawyer,	1,500 00
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Maud Whitehouse,	500 00
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Trustees of trust funds,	2,425 00
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Total liabilities,	\$11,094 48
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 RECEIPTS

State tax assessed,	\$2,475 00
State tax assessed, N. H. N. G.,	
Mexican border,	330 00
County tax assessed,	2,075 38
School tax assessed,	7,875 00
Fireman tax assessed,	105 00
Library tax assessed,	377 00
Highway tax assessed,	8,714 60
Town tax assessed,	3,927 38
Percentage assessed,	975 22
Precinct tax,	1,152 63
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Total taxes charged to collector,	\$28,007 21
1917 taxes collected,	\$27,050 00
1917 taxes due from collector,	957 21
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Total 1917 taxes,	\$28,007 21
Taxes, previous years and escape-	
ments,	\$ 62 25
FROM STATE:	
For highways, a. maintenance,	588 24
For highways, b. State and	
Federal aid,	623 20
Insurance tax,	37 50
Railroad tax,	1,796 94
Savings bank tax,	1,927 40
Excise money,	11 39
For fighting forest fires,	23 83
For bounties,	4 20
Literary fund,	167 76
For education,	1,045 00

## FROM COUNTY:

For support of poor,	53 14
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## FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:

Dog licenses,	255 20
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Fines and forfeits,	24 00
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Rent of Town hall,	77 00
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Income of dept's., 2nd hand pipe,	10 06
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F. E. Nutter, licenses,	16 00
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	\$6,723 11
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Temporary loans during year,	5,500 00
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	\$12,223 11
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Total receipts from all sources,	39,273 11
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Cash on hand Feb. 16, 1917,	3,722 93
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Grand total,	\$42,996 04
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## PAYMENTS

## CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

## General government:

1. Town officers' salaries,	\$1,019 96
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2. Town officers, expenses,	231 88
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3. Election and registration,	90 15
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4. Municipal court,	100 00
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5. Town hall,	554 70
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## Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department,	173 15
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7. Fire department,	2,693 60
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8. Bounties,	4 20
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9. Damage by dogs,	300 75
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## Health and Sanitation:

10. Health department,	65 65
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11. Vital statistics,	42 00
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## Highways and Bridges:

12. State aid maintenance,	1,017 16
13. Town maintenance,	5,893 64
14. Street lighting,	36 00
15. General expense of department,	5,519 79

## Education:

16. Libraries,	377 00
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## Charities:

17. Town poor,	146 12
18. County poor,	53 14

## Patriotic Purposes:

19. Memorial appropriation,	50 00
Total current expenses,	————— \$18 368 89

## INTEREST:

20. Paid on temporary loans,	\$359 52
21. Paid on trust funds,	84 88
Total interest payments,	————— \$ 444 40

## NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT:

22. Trunk line,	\$864 34
23. Brimstone ledge,	131 58
24. Sidewalks,	441 76
Total,	————— \$1,437 68

## INDEBTEDNESS:

25. Payment on temporary loans,	\$3,500 00
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:

26. State tax,	\$2,475 00	
27. State tax, N. H. N. G., Mexican border,	330 00	
28. County tax,	2,075 38	
29. Precinct tax,	1,100 00	
30. School district,	9,077 87	
Total,	—————	\$15,058 25
Total payments for all purposes,	\$38,809 22	
Cash on hand January 31, 1918,	4,186 82	
Grand total,	—————	\$42,996 04

## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

## General Government.

DETAIL I. *Town Officers' Salaries:*

## Selectmen:

Herbert E. Hayes,	\$ 360 50
Frank M. Ayer,	251 50
John W. Proctor,	239 25
Charles H. McDuffee,	6 00
Fred M. Newhall,	6 00

## Clerk:

Herbert E. Morrell,	75 71
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## Treasurer:

Waldo C. Varney,	75 00
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## Auditors:

Oliver R. Shattuck,	3 00
Walter A. Lang,	3 00

—————\$ 1,019 96

DETAIL II. *Expenses:*

## Livery, auto hire, etc.,

John W. Proctor,	\$ 8 00
Frank M. Ayer,	44 00

## Supplies and incidentals.

Register of deeds,	5 50
Edson C. Eastman,	20 19
Edson C. Eastman, new books,	42 55
Frank M. Ayer,	9 26
John W. Proctor,	3 80
Herbert E. Hayes,	9 29



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Stamps and stationery.	
Frank M. Ayer,	6 19
Herbert E. Hayes,	3 10
Printing supplies.	
The Farmington News Co.,	10 00
Printing town reports.	
The Farmington News Co.,	70 00
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	\$ 231 88

DETAIL 3. *Election and Registration:*

Moderator,	
Charles H. McDuffee,	\$ 6 00
Supervisors,	
Harold S. Gilman,	20 00
Roy T. Page,	15 00
Oliver R. Shattuck,	10 00
Ballot Inspectors,	
Oscar E. Davis,	3 00
Walter A. Lang,	6 00
Waldo C. Varney,	6 00
Walter J. George,	3 00
Printing Ballots.	
The Farmington News Co.,	9 00
Legalizing March election,	75
Meals at elections.	
Herbert E. Hayes,	11 40
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	\$ 90 15

DETAIL 5. *Care and Supplies for Town Hall:*

Herbert E. Morrell, insurance,	\$ 23 32
John W. Proctor, wood,	6 00
Lougee-Robinson Co., shades,	66 15
E. W. Chamberlin, wood,	22 50
D. E. Clough, wood,	8 00

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D. E. Clough, extra labor,	14 40	
J. F. Butler, tuning piano,	2 50	
B. F. Gleason, coal,	10 91	
John B. Varick Co., locks,	22 50	
David E. Clough, janitor,	71 25	
Walter J. George, janitor,	15 00	
Walter J. George, extra labor,	13 84	
Frank M. Ayer, signs,	2 40	
Martin H. MacConnell, wood,	48 00	
Alton Electric Light and Power Co.,	156 29	
Union Telephone Co.,	21 39	
Market Supply Co., wood,	6 00	
Paul E. Buckley, repairs,	26 75	
I. T. Proctor, wood,	13 00	
Herbert E. Morrell, supplies,	4 50	
		\$ 554 70

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DETAIL 6. *Police Department:*

David E. Clough, care of tramps,	\$ 37 68	
Dr. E. R. Wright, aid to tramps,	2 00	
Philip E. Drew, constable,	103 87	
Walter A. Lang, police,	26 10	
G. H. Fifield, auto hire,	3 50	
		\$ 173 15

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DETAIL 7. *Fire Department:*

J. H. Downing Co., supplies,	\$ 38 86	
Place & Co., coal, Hose 2,	4 75	
Herbert E. Hayes, pay roll East Alton fire,	14 60	
Herbert E. Hayes, John Fallon lot fire,	28 05	
Herbert E. Hayes, posting forest		

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fire notices,	5 00	
Alton Electric Light and Power Co.,		
supplies and care fire alarm,	116 52	
Alton Electric Light and Power Co.,		
lights, Hose 2,	12 00	
A. J. Morse Co., supplies,	19 50	
C. H. Hanson, repairs,	2 65	
J. Jones & Son, supplies,	31 77	
Edward H. Downing, fire warden,	5 00	
Philip L. Drew, fire warden,	5 00	
Walter J. George, fire warden,	5 00	
Walter J. George, forest fire warden,	5 00	
Jones and Lamprey, supplies,	9 16	
Fred T. Wilson, supplies,	70	
Frank M. Ayer, supplies,	9 80	
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co.,		
hydrants,	747 50	
Am. La France Fire Eng. Co.,		
supplies,	3 00	
Paul E. Buckley, Hose 2, supplies,	11 35	
F. M. Ayer, Ford chemical,	1,250 00	
H. L. Barr, painting,	3 80	
Loper Fire Alarm Co., boxes,	150 00	
Badger Fire Eng. Co., supplies,	3 00	
Arthur M. Twombly, pay roll,		
Hose 1,	156 59	
Walter A. Lang, pay roll, Hose 2,	55 00	
		\$2,693 60

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DETAIL 9. *Damage by Dogs:*

John W. Proctor,	\$104 00
A. D. Clough,	50 00
A. D. Morse,	131 75

G. W. Lamper,	15 00	
	—————	\$ 300 75
DETAIL 10. <i>Health and Sanitation:</i>		
Charles E. Hutchins, service and supplies,	\$ 11 85	
Fred M. Newhall, service and supplies,	26 60	
H. E. Morrell, supplies,	27 20	
	—————	\$ 65 65
DETAIL 11. <i>Vital Statistics:</i>		
H. E. Morrell, return to state department,	\$ 34 50	
Dr. E. R. Wright, return of births and deaths,	2 00	
Dr. F. H. McLaughlin, return of births and deaths,	3 75	
Rev. C. W. Doe, return of marriages,	1 75	
	—————	\$ 42 00
DETAIL 12. <i>State Aid Maintenance:</i>		
Oe Varney, pay rolls,	\$434 76	
The Barrett Co., tarvia,	178 65	
Roy T. Page, pay rolls,	95 00	
John L. Rollins, patrolman,	308 75	
	—————	\$1,017 16
DETAIL 13. <i>Town Maintenance:</i>		
B. & M. R. R., wharf rental, District No.	\$ 1 00	
1. F. S. Gilman, pay rolls,	460 18	
2. Oe Varney, pay rolls,	1,678 91	
3. W. E. Glidden, pay rolls,	337 27	
4. S. E. Grant, pay rolls,	318 89	

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5.	R. T. Page, pay rolls,	624 00
6.	I. T. Proctor, pay rolls,	184 00
7.	F. J. Stevens, pay rolls,	297 84
8.	G. E. Davis, pay rolls,	192 77
9.	Dana Bradley, pay rolls,	135 09
10.	C. H. Proctor, pay rolls,	147 60
11.	W. H. Shaw, pay rolls,	221 37
12.	S. B. Huckins, pay rolls,	115 43
13.	V. C. Varney, pay rolls,	779 99
14.	F. P. Hayes, pay rolls,	399 30

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 \$5,893 64
DETAIL 15. *General Expenses:*

## Winter Work, District No.,

1.	\$ 417 84
2.	739 43
3.	480 30
4.	339 12
5.	201 61
6.	58 05
7.	120 47
8.	128 91
9.	34 73
10.	115 85
11.	312 13
12.	217 64
13.	728 28
14.	76 45

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 \$3,970 81
Oe Varney, road agent, salary  
work,

46 90

C. S. Lovett, painting,  
and expenses,

32 59

539 60

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Chester H. Hanson, blacksmith	
E. G. Ellis, tool box,	12 10
J. Jones & Son, supplies,	103 99
John D. Colby, plank,	2 00
C. H. Proctor, plank,	26 00
J. B. Woodman, plank,	18 60
George H. Jones, plank,	129 92
E. H. Rollins, plank,	115 00
S. W. Clow, plank,	2 88
H. L. Barr, painting,	14 35
J. H. Downing Co., supplies,	5 48
Ayers and Jenkins, supplies,	1 68
North East Metal Co., culverts,	129 60
Good Roads Machine Co., repairs,	127 70
E. T. Wilson, supplies,	10 50
Thompson & Hogue Co., supplies,	65 30
Freight and express,	11 40
John B. Varick Co., supplies,	4 20
Rochester Foundry Co., supplies,	4 50
F. E. Mooney, tiling,	11 55
J. E. Kendall, sharpening tools	1 10
The Barrett Co., tarvia,	131 31
A. B. C. Association, pipe,	72
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	\$5,519 79

DETAIL 17. *Town Poor:*

C. B. Twombly, aid to G. F.	
Davis,	\$ 18 00
Dr. F. W. McLaughlin, aid to	
Charles Hayes,	32 00
J. H. Downing Co., aid to Moses	
W. Flanders,	30 00
Mabel H. Evans, aid to G. F.	

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Davis,	45 90	
F. T. Wilson, aid to Moses W.		
Flanders,	10 22	
F. T. Wilson, aid to Charles		
Hayes,	10 00	
	—————	\$ 146 12

DETAIL 18. *County Poor:*

Dr. E. R. Wright, aid to Martha		
Ellis,	\$ 12 14	
Jones and Lamprey, aid to John		
Tardiff,	23 50	
J. Jones & Son, aid to John		
Tardif,	17 50	
	—————	\$ 53 14

DETAIL 20. *Interest on Temporary Loans:*

E. H. Rollins,	\$ 108 48	
J. B. Woodman,	165 07	
M. J. Sawyer,	72 08	
Maud Whitehouse,	13 89	
	—————	\$ 359 52

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. HAYES,

FRANK M. AYER,

JOHN W. PROCTOR,

*Selectmen of Alton.*

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WALTER A. LANG,

OLIVER R. SHATTUCK,

*Auditors.*

Alton, N. H., Jan. 31, 1918.



## Treasurer's Report

### RECEIPTS

Cash in treasury, Feb. 16, 1917,	\$3,722 93
Received of selectman and clerk,	9,418 11
Received of collector,	27,050 00

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\$40,191 04

### PAYMENTS

Paid orders from selectmen,	\$33,928 84
Paid county tax,	2,075 38
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Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1918, \$4,186 82

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO C. VARNEY,

*Treasurer.*

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We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WALTER A. LANG,

OLIVER R. SHATTUCK,

*Auditors.*

Alton, N. H., Jan. 31, 1918.

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description		Value
1.	Town hall, land and buildings,	\$15,000 00
	Furniture and equipment,	747 00
2.	Library, furniture and equipment,	1,350 00
3.	Department Property:	
	Fire department, land and buildings,	800 00
	Apparatus,	5,095 00
	Highway department, equipment,	450 00
4.	All other property and equipment:	
	Colbath lot, gravel pit,	200 00
Total,		<hr/> \$23,642 00

## SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

Description		Value
	Village school building, land and hot house,	\$14,000 00
	Bay school building,	2,000 00
	Rural school building,	2,000 00
	Furniture and apparatus,	2,500 00
Total,		<hr/> \$20,500 00

## SCHOOL REPORT

## RECEIPTS

From State:

Literary fund,	\$ 167 76
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From State Treasurer, under Chap. 158, Laws 1909

District Superintendent,	300 00
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Support of schools,	745 00
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From Town:

Town tax for schools,	2,550 00
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School district tax,	5,325 00
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From Local Sources:

Tuitions received,	100 00
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Hot house receipts,	44 30
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Mr. Dow,	3 00
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Balance from last year,	112 47
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	<hr/>	\$ 9,347 53
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Less Gooch abatement,		9 89
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Grand total,		<hr/> \$9,337 64
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## EXPENSES

Administration:

1. Salaries of School Board,	\$ 60 00
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2. Clerical expenses of School Board,	25 00
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3. Other expenses of School Board,	49 97
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4. Salaries of other district officers,	31 50
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5. School census,	5 00	
6. Superintendent's salary and expenses,	664 21	
Instruction:		
7. Regular teachers' salaries,	4,769 31	
8. Supervision of music,	259 20	
9. Text books,	198 91	
10. Reference books, maps and apparatus,	109 28	
11. Scholars' supplies,	184 56	
12. Flags and appurtenances,	13 00	
13. Graduating exercises,	16 75	
14. Other expenses of instruction,	160 07	
Operation, Maintenance of School Plant:		
15. Janitor's service,	260 20	
16. Fuel,	398 86	
17. Water,	50 05	
18. Janitor's supplies,	29 74	
19. Minor repairs, upkeep of grounds,	363 75	
20. Repair and replacement of equipment,	98 50	
21. Other expenses,	66 80	
Special Activities:		
22. Transportation of pupils,	1,067 42	
23. Tuition of elementary pupils,	32 00	
Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1918,	425 36	
Grand total,	—————	\$9,337 64

## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS ADMINISTRATION

### DETAIL 1. *Salaries of School Board:*

F. W. McLaughlin,	\$ 20 00	
Albert J. Jones,	20 00	
Alta H. McDuffee,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 60 00

### DETAIL 2. *Clerical Expenses of School Board:*

Alta H. McDuffee,	\$ 25 00
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### DETAIL 3. *Other Expenses, Checklist, Etc.:*

Alta H. McDuffee,	\$ 10 00	
Albert J. Jones,	6 00	
F. W. McLaughlin,	25 47	
Farmington News,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 49 97

### DETAIL 4. *Other District Officers:*

Herbert E. Morrell,	\$ 25 00	
John McDuffee,	2 00	
Meville Adams,	2 00	
Philip L. Drew,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 31 50

### DETAIL 5. *School Census:*

Alta H. McDuffee,	\$ 5 00
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### DETAIL 6. *Superintendent's Salary and Expenses:*

F. U. Landman,	\$ 664 21
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### DETAIL 7. *Teachers' Salaries:*

Roy H. Walch,	\$ 108 61
H. Warren Dow,	775 00
Wilfred G. Bodine,	792 50
Agnes M. Thompson,	430 00
R. Olive Wilkins,	220 00
Ruth Tisdale,	275 00
Marion S. Rollins,	100 00
Lillian E. Rich,	91 00
Jeanie F. Hardy,	237 50

Eunice E. Huff,	190 00
Susie O'Dowd,	237 50
Marjorie McMaster,	158 40
H. Isabelle Bridge,	162 00
Susie E. Luce,	342 00
Anna Merrill,	374 40
Eula P. Varney,	275 40

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 \$4,769 31

 DETAIL 8. *Supervision of Music:*

Annie A. Wheeler,	\$ 259 20
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 DETAIL 9. *Text Books:*

Oliver Ditson Co.,	\$ 3 59
Roy Walch,	5 00
American Book Co.,	25 59
The Macmillan Co.,	1 02
Silver Burdett Co.,	8 03
Ginn & Co.,	3 32
J. Fischer and Bros.,	3 19
Atkinson, Mentzer & Co.,	4 33
Scott, Foresman & Co.,	1 56
University of Chicago Press,	3 38
C. C. Birchard,	2 02
Roy H. Walch,	30 00
Hinds & Noble,	3 90
Ginn & Co.,	1 27
The Macmillan Co.,	20 55
Webb Publishing Co.,	6 46
Silver, Burdett Co.,	5 08
University of Chicago Press,	4 43
Benj. H. Sanborn,	7 32
D. C. Heath & Co.,	4 03
Milton, Bradley Co.,	2 59

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A. S. Barnes Co.,	2 86	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	5 62	
American Book Co.,	28 07	
Allyn & Bacon,	5 18	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	10 52	
	<hr/>	\$ 198 91

DETAIL 10. *Reference Books, Maps and Apparatus:*

L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	\$ 3 79	
Central Scientific Co.,	2 54	
Central Scientific Co.,	87 06	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	10 39	
Myron G. F. Roberts,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 109 28

DETAIL 11. *Scholars' Supplies:*

J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$ 2 85	
Boston Paper Board Co.,	6 00	
Milton, Bradley Co.,	130 21	
E. W. A. Rowles,	5 95	
Arabel Manufacturing Co.,	4 00	
Milton Bradley Co.,	27 64	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	7 91	
	<hr/>	\$ 184 56

DETAIL 12. *Flags and Appurtenances:*

H. A. Wales,	\$ 4 00	
H. A. Wales,	8 00	
A. E. Barnes,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 13 00

DETAIL 13. *Graduating Exercises:*

Dover Business College,	\$ 75	
Farmington News,	6 00	
Carlyle Summerbell,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 16 75



DETAIL 14. *Other Expenses of Instruction:*

Granite State Nurseries,	\$ 1 50	
R. Olive Wilkins,	4 06	
Oscar E. Davis,	1 85	
Myron G. F. Roberts,	2 80	
Alton Electric Light and Power Co.,	3 40	
John M. Woods & Co.,	21 70	
R. and J. Farquhar & Co.,	5 70	
Oscar Duncan,	2 75	
Frank W. Howard,	6 64	
Wilfred G. Bodine,	27 87	
Jones and Lamprey,	33 65	
Albert J. Jones,	13 37	
J. Jones & Son,	29 53	
		\$ 160 07

DETAIL 15. *Janitors' Services:*

Roland Frohock,	\$ 1 20	
Chas. H. Estes,	258 00	
F. W. Leach,	1 00	
		\$ 260 20

DETAIL 16. *Fuel:*

Millie P. Varney,	\$ 22 50	
Chas. H. Estes,	1 50	
Fred E. Glidden,	25 00	
Walter W. Durgin,	22 00	
Place & Co.,	210 91	
Oe Varney,	24 45	
Walter W. Durgin,	42 00	
Chas. H. Estes,	3 50	
C. P. Barr,	20 00	
A. E. Barnes,	27 00	
		\$ 398 86

DETAIL 17. *Water:*

Alton and Alton Bay Water Co.,	\$ 50 05
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DETAIL 18. *Janitors' Supplies:*

Maude Lothrop Powers,	\$ 7 33
Orient Spray Co.,	11 76
Herbert E. Morrell,	8 85
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	\$ 27 94

DETAIL 19. *Minor Repairs, Upkeep of Grounds:*

C. M. Bailey Co.,	\$ 60
Chas. H. Estes,	2 75
E. G. Ellis,	5 48
Benj. Perkins,	40 70
Twombly & Lovett,	66 20
A. L. Charles,	8 40
Arthur Twombly,	1 50
Chester Hanson,	1 00
C. H. W. Jones,	7 10
Paul E. Buckley,	58 79
E. G. Ellis,	157 04
Alton Bay Camp Meeting Asso.,	5 79
Hugh M. Wallace,	3 65
H. L. Barr,	4 75
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	\$ 363 75

DETAIL 20. *Repair and Replacement of Equipment:*

Lewis Bros.,	\$ 20 00
Lewis Bros.,	2 00
Kenney Bros. and Wolkins,	76 50
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	\$ 98 50

DETAIL 21. *Other Expenses:*

Annie E. Peavey,	\$ 66 80
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DETAIL 22. *Transportation of Pupils:*

Millie P. Varney,	\$ 70 00
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Elmer Davis,	537 50
Howard A. Rollins,	216 67
Albert Benton,	24 00
Samuel Jones,	10 50
Mildred Gilman,	158 75
Allison Rines,	50 00
	————— \$1,067 42

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DETAIL 23. *Tuition of Elementary Pupils:*

New Durham School District,	\$ 32 00
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	\$8,912 28
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1918,	\$ 425 36
	—————
Grand total,	\$9,337 64

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ESTIMATES FOR COMING FISCAL YEAR

Money required for text books and supplies,	\$ 800 00
Flags and appurtenances,	50 00
District officers,	200 00
Repairs,	350 00

## ESTIMATED INCOME FROM STATE

Literary fund,	\$ 167 76
One-half Superintendent's salary,	300 00
Attendance of pupils.	189 00
Certified teachers,	432 00

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In accordance with the bill passed at the last session of the legislature the estimates are based on the expenditures for the next year and a half or until Aug. 31, 1919, after which time the fiscal year will end at the same time as the school year, Aug. 31, instead of Feb. 15, as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. McLAUGHLIN,

ALTA H. McDUFFEE,

ALBERT J. JONES,

*School Board of Alton.*

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We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

OLIVER R. SHATTUCK,

WALTER A. LANG,

*Auditors.*

January 31, 1918.

## School District Treasurer's Report

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### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917,	\$ 112 47
Received from School Board,	147 30
Received on orders of Selectmen,	9,077 87
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	\$9,337 64

### PAYMENTS

Paid by orders of School Board,	\$8,912 28
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1918,	425 36
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	\$9,337 64

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. MORRELL,

*Treasurer.*

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We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

OLIVER R. SHATTUCK,

WALTER A. LANG,

*Auditors.*

January 31, 1918.

## Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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*To the School Board and Citizens of Alton:*

This is my fifth annual report of the work of the Alton schools. The educational demands, methods and needs are the same as last year which I treated in full in the last report. Therefore I am making this report short. The new law requires the fiscal and school year to end August 31. It will be important that some supplemental report reach parents and citizens at that time.

The average membership for the year 1916-1917 was 203, average attendance 183, and the number of pupils registered 227. Ten were neither absent nor tardy during the year. The enrollment this year is 226. The per cent. of attendance was 90.

Weather conditions and sickness have broken up the schools to an unusual degree so far this year. Considering these conditions together with the war interests all of the schools are going well. It takes some time for new teachers to get acquainted and we have several new ones this year. The congested conditions in the intermediate and primary rooms at the village make it impossible for any teacher to do her best work to say nothing about the serious nervous strain in trying to teach three grades with 50 or more pupils in the room. It is imperative that another room and another teacher be provided.

We are constantly reminded that we are living in war times but it seems exceedingly important that the public schools hold strongly to the regular program. It is further important that the children with patriotic spirit help all they can to win the war. Help your children to buy all of the thrift stamps that they can. Candy, ice-cream, sodas, and moving pictures can be dispensed with at present with gain to health and thrift. We must teach the children how to save and how to spend their money in a better way than we have yet done.

The Alton pupils have been doing well thus far to help win the war. I ought to say that three of the High School classes have given \$10 each to the Red Cross. The other class has given a service flag to the school. The girls helped during vacations at the rooms of the Red Cross. They have been knitting sweaters and mufflers. Very many of the lower grades have been knitting squares for soldiers' blankets. Others have made face-cloths, patch-work quilts, etc. The intermediate children gave their Christmas money for the children of the Allies. Many have assisted in distributing printed matter on conservation and have practiced the directions. All the schools are now enlisted in buying as many Thrift Stamps as they possibly can. For the Center school Miss Agnes Thompson has kindly consented to act as agent for the stamps.

The school children in Alton did remarkably well in their garden and field projects last year. The direction of this work was well done by Mr. Bodine who did not spare himself or expense in getting the best results possible. It was a hard year for crops. It will be even more important that the children have gardens and projects this year for the winning of the war. Every boy and girl ought to have

at least a garden. It will be a part of the interest of parents to see that these gardens are planted and well taken care of during the summer. Beans, potatoes, corn and vegetables will be the staple crops.

I am asking Mr. Bodine to make a report of the summer work which I am sure will be of special interest to all the citizens of Alton. He will also report on the Agricultural Fair held in the fall and the prizes given.

The superintendent is ready at all times to answer questions relative to the schools and to take any criticisms that are constructive and properly come his way. Teachers, parents, citizens, children and school officials must work together in hearty cooperation to get the best results.

Let me state again my appreciation of the thorough assistance of the citizens of Alton in the work of the public schools. I am also strongly indebted for the kindly cooperation of school board, teachers and children in the task which has been given me to do.

Respectfully submitted,

F. U. LANDMAN, *Superintendent*.

Alton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1918.



*To F. U. Landman, Superintendent:*

Dear Sir:—I herewith present for your approval my report of the Agricultural Department of the Alton High School. More work has been done this year than before and summer work organized for the first time under the supervision of the teacher of Agriculture.

The Agricultural Department is trying to help the boy who lives on the farm to understand why certain farm methods and practices are considered better than others and to see by practical methods such operations as pruning, farm bookkeeping, etc., which are not carried out on as many farms as should be the case. We take it for granted that a boy's father can best show him the common farm operations, leaving us to supplement his knowledge. The village boy who may never own a farm, presents a much more difficult problem. But we can at least show him that Agriculture is an honorable calling and worthy of his best efforts.

For the past two years Alton High School has been represented at the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Mass. \*This year one of the boys won \$5 and a suitable medal as a member of the N. H. Stock Judging Team, which won second place in competition with teams from other eastern states.

Last spring a call was sent out to the school to help in the campaign for increased food production. This school was one of the first to respond, and fifty pupils pledged themselves for gardens or field projects of commendable size. This does not include many small gardens carried on by children with supervision of parents and from which a considerable amount of food products resulted.

The amount of land used by the fifty pupils was sixteen acres. The agricultural teacher planned to visit each

garden once in two weeks to lend encouragement and other aid to the owners. In spite of adverse weather conditions, poor fertilizer and some poor seed we achieved a fair degree of success. An approximate total of the produce raised is as follows: 240 dozen ears of sweet corn, 71 bushels of tomatoes, 49 bushels of beans,  $31\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of onions, 76 bushels of beets, 16 bushels of turnips, 86 bushels of carrots, 616 bushels of potatoes,  $151\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of field corn,  $11\frac{1}{2}$  tons of squashes, 5 bushels of green beans, 3 bushels of green peas, 247 heads of cabbages, miscellaneous products worth \$120.

Taking the average value last fall of the various products of gardens and other plots represented, there was a value of over \$2,800. This result depended in quite a large degree upon the efforts of the school authorities to keep a teacher here during the summer to supervise the work.

In the fall the school held a fruit and vegetable show at which the pupils' vegetables were exhibited. Some of the townspeople very kindly helped out on the exhibit which added to the success of the show. The fair lasted two days and suitable speakers were furnished for each evening. It was generally agreed that a very creditable showing was made for the first attempt.

The surplus remaining from the fruit and vegetable show appropriation was turned over to the school for prizes and Thrift Stamps will soon be allotted to the winners in the several classes.

With favorable weather conditions next summer, we shall be able to make a better showing than last summer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. BODINE,

*Teacher of Agriculture.*

## Roll of Perfect Attendance for 1916-1917

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### HIGH SCHOOL

Ella M. Adams

Helen Gilman

Doris McDuffee

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Roland Frohock

Edward W. Smith

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Lewis Colby

Warren Whitehouse

### BAY SCHOOL

Wynona Whitehouse

Pauline Whitehouse

### GILMAN'S CORNER

Norman Rhines

### MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Vivian Flanders

# TEACHERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1917-1918

SCHOOL	GRADES	NAME	EDUCATION	SALARY
High		H Warren Dow	Boston University	\$1,000
		W G Bodine	University of Vermont	925
Grammar	VII-VIII	Agnes M Thompson	Bates	500
Intermediate	IV-VI	Ruth Tisdale	Framingham	550
Primary	I-III	Jeanie F Hardy	Plymouth	475
Bay	I-III	Susie O'Dowl	Plymouth	475
Mountain	I-IV	Susie E Luce	Farmington	396
McDuffee		H Isabella Bridge	High School	324
Gilman's Corner		Eula C Varney	State Certificate	396
		Anna Merrill	Plymouth	432

## Report of Alton Public Library

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### Dr.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917.	\$ 84 44
July 18. Received from town treasurer,	100 00
Dec. 5. Received from town treasurer,	100 00
1918	
Jan. 30. Received from town treasurer,	77 00
Jan. 31. Received from H. J. Jones, trustee,	17 50
	\$ 478 94

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#### 1917

May 1. To cash paid Annie A. Wheeler, salary,	\$ 18 75
May 1. To cash paid Annie A.	
May 16. E. R. Wright, insurance,	16 20
July 18. J. M. Hanson Bennett, magazines,	36 60
July 18. Mrs. H. E. Morrell,	2 50
July 18. Charles E. Lauriat Co.,	1 18
July 26. Annie A. Wheeler,	18 75
Sept. 12. Charles E. Lauriat Co.,	40 45
Nov. 1. Annie A. Wheeler, salary,	18 75
Nov. 5. American Motherhood,	4 75

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Dec. 5.	The American Historical Society,	25 00	
Dec. 12.	Freight,	43	
Dec. 12.	Cartage,	25	
Dec. 15.	Freight,	64	
Dec. 20.	American Express Co.,	55	
Jan. 3.	Mrs. E. R. Wright, expense Library Works,	10 17	
Jan. 7.	The Globe Wernicke Co.,	16 00	
Jan. 31.	Charles E. Lauriat Co.,	164 33	
Jan. 31.	Annie A. Wheeler, salary,	18 75	
Jan. 31.	On hand,	65 23	
			\$ 478 94
	Number of books loaned,		5,541
	Number of books in library,		4,215

### Books Donated to the Library in 1917

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Story of "Good Will Institute and Golden Rule Farm" by  
Rev. G. W. Buzzell.

"Out of Their Own Mouths. by William R. Thayer. Pre-  
sented by the National Security League.

N. H. Annual Reports.

State Papers.

The magazine, "Bird Lore," presented by Mrs. William  
M. Levey.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO C. VARNEY,

ANNA M. WRIGHT,

JOSEPH A. MOONEY,

*Library Trustees.*

## REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ALTON

Date of creation	TRUST FUNDS—Purpose of Creation	HOW INVESTED	Balance of Income				
			Amt of Principal	Rate of Interest	Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year
1901 Aug 1	Herbert I and Leonard Nute, cemetery fund	Town of Alton Note	\$150	3 1/2 per cent	25 69	6 02	5 00
1904 June 4	Eveline L Palmer library	" "	500	"	17 50	17 50	17 50
1909 Feb 12	Sarah J Evans cemetery	" "	100	"	7 57	3 70	9 27
1910 Sept 23	Botsey J Frobock "	" "	100	"	7 84	3 72	7 56
1911 Jan 28	Eveline R Avery "	" "	500	"	57 84	13 21	8 00
1911 Jan 28	George W Berry estate "	" "	100	"	4 31	3 62	4 00
1911 Aug 21	Stephen C Wentworth "	" "	75	"	3 72	2 73	3 33
1911 Sept 5	Lydia A Runnals "	" "	100	"	1 36	3 71	4 00
1913 Feb 13	Alonzo S French "	" "	150	"	7 13	5 46	5 00
1913 Feb 13	Jonathan H Downing "	" "	100	"	2 12	3 56	2 00
1913 Feb 13	Alonzo S French "	" "	50	"	1 79	1 50	1 50
1914 Feb 14	Daniel M and John F Perkins "	" "	400	"	17 71	14 54	8 00
1914 Nov 12	Ellen Jones "	" "	100	"	98	3 53	4 50
1916 July 21	Andrew Varney "	Deposited in Savings Bank	50	"	3 53	1 50	1 50
1917 Feb 15	William B Jenness "	" "	100	"	1 45	1 50	35
1917 Feb 15	Charles H Downing "	" "	100	"	3 79	2 00	1 79
1917 May 14	Jonas M Place "	" "	100	"	2 33	2 00	33
1917 May 16	Minerva B Sanborn "	" "	50	"	87	1 00	13
1917 Dec	Percy S Jones "	" "	3,000	5	150 00		
	Adirondack Electric Power Corporation bonds						
	Hamilton Cataract Light & Power traction bonds						
			1,000	5	50 00		
			6,725		143 79	297 93	74 00
							167 72

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts, find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

OLIVER R. SHATTUCK,

WALTER A. LANG,

Auditors.

January 31, 1918















